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favor of adopting the committee amendments vote aye...oh, Senator Beutler, your light came on, excuse me, I didn't see it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Newell, I just wanted to be sure I understood the committee amendments. You are going to allow all cities and all villages to contract for any kind of service that they want?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, that is correct. The bill originally allowed for contracting of law enforcement and then they came in and said fire services, and, frankly, the kind of provisions which I will explain after the adoption of the committee amendments, which do, in fact, allow them to contract for services with other cities.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With other cities or with any private entity?

SENATOR NEWELL: The amendments basically allow them to contract for service, and it is other...it is intended to be for other cities, to allow them, to empower them to contract but they could...okay, the services shall be the type the city or village is empowered to perform. In other words, it is limited to what they normally can contract for. Vehicles or equipment shall be the type which the city or village is empowered to use and otherwise provided by law. The primary provisions are to contract with other cities. That is the intent of the legislation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just again to see if I understand it correctly, would this allow any city, every city and every village to contract for every type of service that they could otherwise provide with any private entity?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, it is to contract with other political subdivisions and private parties. But that is in the law now. They can contract with private parties. It does not take them out...the bidding provision doesn't take them out of any of those other provisions, but allows them to contract for services with other political entities and with any private parties providing the services.